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## **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus for receiving and securing an item, comprising:

a slide card comprising an engaging element and only one tray receiving area; only one pre-formed tray, attached to said tray receiving area, configured to receive and hold portable items;

an outer sleeve configured to receive said card and attached tray, comprising a locking element configured to connect with said engaging element at a locking position; and,

a release element integral to said outer sleeve, configured to disconnect said engaging element from said locking element.

- 2. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said card is constructed of a first material and said tray is constructed of a second material.
- 3. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein said second material is plastic.
- 4. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said engaging element is positioned on said tray.
- 5. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said tray comprises receiving recesses configured to receive and secure said portable items.
  - 6. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said outer sleeve

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further comprises an interior aperture configured to connect said engaging element at a stopping position.

7. (Currently amended) An apparatus for receiving and holding an item, comprising:

a slide card constructed of a first material, comprising at least a first panel and only one tray receiving area located on said first panel;

only one pre-formed tray constructed of a second material and comprising receiving recesses defined by said tray, a given said only one tray being attached to said card at said tray receiving area; and

an outer sleeve defining a void, comprising an open end configured to permit said card and attached tray to translate in and out of said void.

- 8. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein said slide card further comprises an engaging element connected to at least one of said first panel and said tray.
- 9. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein said outer sleeve further comprises a locking element configured to releasably connect to said engaging element at a locking position.
- 10. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said outer sleeve further comprises a release configured to disconnect said engaging element from said locking element.
- 11. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said outer sleeve further comprises a stopping element configured to connect to said engaging element at a stopping position.

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17. (Currently amended) A foldable tray card formed of contiguous panels, comprising:

an engaging panel defined by a first edge and spaced apart hinge; a second panel defined by said hinge and a spaced apart second edge; a single tray integral to said second panel;

receiving recesses located within said single tray, configured to receive and hold items; and

a third panel hingedly attached to at least one of said second edge and said tray, said third panel being configured to fold over and cover said recesses.

- 18. (Currently amended) The card of claim 17, wherein said panels and said tray are constructed using a thermo-forming process.
- 19. (Currently amended) The card of claim 17, wherein said panels and said tray are constructed using an injection molding process.
- 20. (Currently amended) A method of resisting access to an item, comprising the steps of:

providing a slide card comprising a base panel;

attaching a single pre-formed tray comprising receiving recesses to said base panel;

providing an engaging element associated with at least one of said card and said tray;

placing items in said single tray;

providing an outer sleeve with an open end and adjacent void, said sleeve further comprising a locking element;

aligning said card with said open end;

orienting said engaging element with said locking element; and

inserting said card and tray fully into said void;

causing said engaging element and said locking element to releasably connect.

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21. (Previously presented) The method of claim 20, wherein said step of providing an outer sleeve further comprises providing an outer sleeve having a release element, said release element being configured to disconnect said engaging element and said locking\_element.

- 22. (Currently amended) The method of claim 21, further comprising the step of manipulating said release element to withdraw said tray at least partially from said void.
- 23. (Currently amended) The method of claim 22, further comprising the step of withdrawing said items from said recesses.
- 24. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein said recesses include a resistance element configured to resist removal of an item therefrom.
- 25. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the resistance element is one of a locking flap, an indentation, a strap, and an insert.
- 26. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein said receiving recesses are configured to receive and secure portable items therein.
- 27. (Currently amended) The card of claim 17, wherein said receiving recesses are configured to receive and secure portable items therein.
- 28. (Currently amended) The method of claim 20, wherein said receiving recesses are configured to receive and secure items therein.

## Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be entered and the present application be favorably reconsidered in view of the amendments and of the reasons which follow.